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On May 23, POL/ECON Off delivered reftel talking points to Rui Noronha, Deputy Director of the Office of Policy and Planning at the Ministry of Agriculture, informing Portugal of the U.S. approach to the food crisis and seeking cooperation. Mr. Noronha expressed Portugal's deep concern concerning the upward price trend of agricultural commodities, and emphasized Portugal's support for long-term productivity solutions, including a science-based and expeditious approval process for biotech events on the EU level.
Stephenson